

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-34 (Canceled)

Claim 35 (New): A quartz glass crucible, wherein a quartz glass powder layer is formed on the whole or in a ring configuration on the outside surface of the crucible, and/or in a ring configuration on a part of the inside surface being not contacted with a molten silicon.

Claim 36 (New): The quartz glass crucible of claim 35, wherein the silica glass powder layer on the whole or in the ring configuration on the outside surface of the crucible, and/or in the ring configuration on a part of the inside surface being not contacted with a molten silicon comprises fine and coarse silica particles, wherein more than 20 weight % of all powder are the fine silica particles having smaller particle size than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and remaining powder are the coarse silica particles having less than 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .